



Comprehensive protection for Actelion Business Centre.

Twelve years after it was founded, Basel-Landschaft biopharmaceutical company Actelion continues to do well. So much so that the company is having to expand, not just in business terms but also structurally. The new Business Centre in Allschwil has been designed by architects Herzog & de Meuron. For the construction of the distinctive «building-block structure» the building owner opted for surveillance and monitoring by Securitas. The building is also equipped with a comprehensive fire and intrusion alarm system from Securiton.

Actelion was founded in 1997 by four former researchers at Hoffmann-La Roche. A mere three years later it went public, and the company has since evolved from a pioneer in the research and application of a drug to combat pulmonary arterial hypertension to a significant international biopharmaceutical company. Today Actelion is represented in 28 countries and specialises in the discovery, development and commercialisation of synthetic micro-molecular compounds for treating rare diseases.

Structural expansion

Actelion has been growing steadily and at times rapidly since its founding, with sales and profits continually rising. Besides the four drugs that are already on the market, many new and highly promising compounds are currently under development. To offer sufficient space for the discovery and development of these «pipeline» drugs, the company is constantly expanding. The new headquarters in Allschwil, the Actelion Business Centre, will be the company's most

striking trademark. This is down to the distinctive style of Basel architects Herzog & de Meuron, who also designed the Olympic Stadium («Bird's Nest») in Beijing.

Security from Securitas and Securiton

To guarantee reliable protection for the exclusive building project during the entire construction phase, the managers in charge assigned three to four Securitas staff to the site on weekdays. They ensured firstly that only workmen with a valid ID badge could access the building site. Secondly they permanently conducted inspection rounds both indoors and out. At weekends separate surveillance made sure that any damage was immediately reported and that vandalism on the construction site never had a chance.

Inside the Actelion Business Centre a comprehensive security solution from Securiton will in future provide professional protection against fires. Just under 800 combined fire detectors have been installed to detect the slightest hint not only of smoke but also of heat. With their intelligent electronics the detectors automatically adapt to ambient conditions. The sensitive plant and equipment rooms are monitored by water detectors; the natural gas supply line to the heating system, by a gas warning system. An intrusion alarm system, also equipped with motion detectors, and an access control system protect the premises against «unwanted visitors». The intrusion and fire alarm system is connected to the SLS Security Management System from Securiton.

